

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. *(Previously presented)* Applique for use at a pillar area of a vehicle, the applique comprising:

an injection molded substrate;

a flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg for engaging a surface or edge of a vehicle window, and wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded together;

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values which are selected so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate are molded or bonded to one another without a separate adhesive layer therebetween;

an approximately U-shaped seal carrier supported by a projection extending from a base portion of said substrate, wherein the projection extending from the base portion of said substrate fits into a channel defined between opposing legs of the approximately U-shaped seal carrier; and

a seal to be provided between the approximately U-shaped seal carrier and a door of the vehicle.

2. (*Original*) The applique of claim 1, wherein the lip or leg is for engaging a surface or edge of a vehicle windshield.

3. (*Original*) The applique of claim 1, wherein the substrate has a greater hardness or durometer than the thermoplastic elastomer portion of the applique.

4. (*Original*) The applique of claim 1, wherein said substrate includes a base portion and a protrusion extending from the base portion at an angle of approximately 90 degrees.

5. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 4, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer portion includes an approximately U-shaped connection portion for attachment to an end or edge of the substrate, the approximately U-shaped connection portion comprising first and second elongated approximately parallel legs each of which engages a respective major surface of the substrate in order to allow said attachment of the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate, wherein an edge of the substrate fits into a channel defined between said first and second elongated approximately parallel legs of the approximately U-shaped connection portion.

6. (*Previously presented*) Applique for use at a pillar area of a vehicle, the applique comprising:

a polymer inclusive substrate;

a polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg for engaging a surface or edge of a vehicle window, wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded together;

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values which are selected so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate are molded or bonded to one another without a separate adhesive layer therebetween; and

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion comprises an approximately U-shaped connection portion comprising first and second elongated approximately parallel legs each of which engages a respective major surface of the polymer inclusive substrate in order to allow said attachment of the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate, wherein an edge of said substrate fits into a channel defined between the first and second elongated approximately parallel legs of the thermoplastic elastomer portion.

7-9. (*Canceled*)

10. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 6, further comprising:

an approximately U-shaped seal carrier supported by a projection extending from a base portion of said substrate, wherein the projection extending from the base portion of

said substrate fits into a channel defined between opposing legs of the approximately U-shaped seal carrier; and

a seal to be provided between the approximately U-shaped seal carrier and a door of the vehicle.

11. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 1, wherein the injection molded substrate comprises nylon and propylene.

12. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate are molded or bonded to one another during injection molding.

13. (*Currently amended*) Applique for use at a pillar area of a vehicle, the applique comprising:

a polymer inclusive substrate, the polymer inclusive substrate including an interior surface to be closest to a vehicle window and an exterior surface to be further from the window than is the interior surface;

a polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg ~~[[for]]~~ engaging a surface or edge of the vehicle window, wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded together at least on part of said interior surface of the substrate which is to be closest to the vehicle window;

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values which are selected so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate are molded or bonded to one another without a separate adhesive layer therebetween, and the thermoplastic elastomer portion is more flexible than the substrate; and

wherein said substrate includes a projection extending from the exterior surface of the substrate, said projection being approximately perpendicular to a base portion of the substrate and [[for]] supporting a seal, and wherein said projection extending from the substrate does not contact said thermoplastic elastomer portion that includes the lip or leg that engages the surface or edge of the vehicle window.

14. *(Previously presented)* The applique of claim 13, wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion comprises an approximately U-shaped connection portion comprising first and second elongated approximately parallel legs each of which engages a respective major surface of the polymer inclusive substrate in order to allow said attachment of the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate, wherein an edge of said substrate fits into a channel defined between the first and second elongated approximately parallel legs of the thermoplastic elastomer portion.

15. *(Previously presented)* The applique of claim 13, wherein the substrate comprises nylon and propylene.

16. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 13, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer portion at least partially defines a cavity, wherein one side of the cavity is defined by a first portion of the thermoplastic elastomer portion and another side of said cavity is defined by a portion of the thermoplastic elastomer portion that is to engage the window.

17. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 16, wherein the first portion of the thermoplastic elastomer portion that defines said one side of the cavity is bonded to the interior surface of the substrate.

18. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 16, wherein the cavity is for receiving an edge of the window.

19. (*Previously presented*) The applique of claim 13, wherein the applique is an A-pillar applique for use in an A-pillar area of the vehicle, and wherein the window is a vehicle windshield.

20. (*New*) The applique of claim 13, wherein said projection extends from the exterior surface of the substrate, and the thermoplastic elastomer portion is at least

partially attached to the interior surface of the substrate, so that the projection and thermoplastic elastomer portion are at least partially on opposite sides of the substrate.

21. (*New*) Applique for use at a pillar area of a vehicle, the applique comprising:

a polymer inclusive substrate, the polymer inclusive substrate including an interior surface to be closest to a vehicle window and an exterior surface to be further from the window than is the interior surface;

a polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg engaging a surface or edge of the vehicle window, wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded together at least on part of said interior surface of the substrate which is to be closest to the vehicle window;

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion is more flexible than the substrate; and

wherein said substrate includes a projection extending from the exterior surface of the substrate, said projection being approximately perpendicular to a base portion of the substrate and supporting a seal, and wherein said projection extending from the substrate does not contact said thermoplastic elastomer portion that includes the lip or leg that engages the surface or edge of the vehicle window.

22. (*New*) The applique of claim 21, wherein said projection extends from the exterior surface of the substrate, and the thermoplastic elastomer portion is at least partially attached to the interior surface of the substrate, so that the projection and thermoplastic elastomer portion are at least partially on opposite sides of the substrate.

23. (*New*) The applique of claim 21, wherein the applique is an A-pillar applique for use in an A-pillar area of the vehicle, and wherein the window is a vehicle windshield.

24. (*New*) The applique of claim 21, further comprising:

an approximately U-shaped seal carrier supported by said projection, wherein the projection fits into a channel defined between opposing legs of the approximately U-shaped seal carrier; and

a seal to be provided between the approximately U-shaped seal carrier and a door of the vehicle.